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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR-07-653 SI
)	
12 Plaintiff,)	DECLARATION OF ABEL LOPEZ-
)	MENERA' IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO
13 vs.)	DISMISS INDICTMENT
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14 ABEL LOPEZ-MENERA,)	
)	
15 Defendant.)	
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17 I, Abel Lopez-Menera, declare the following to be true under penalty of perjury;

- 18 1. I am the defendant in the above captioned case;
- 19 2. I came to the United States in 1989, when I was nineteen years old;
- 20 3. I met my common law wife in the United States. She is a United States citizen, and was a
21 United States citizen in 1997. We have three United States citizen children together;
22 Bessie Sanchez-Lopez, age 15; Abel Sanchez-Lopez, age 13, and Jose Andres Sanchez-
23 Lopez, age 11. Prior to my deportation, all of these children were living with me and my
24 common law wife, Rosa Sanchez. I was working a night job as a janitor to support them;
- 25 4. When I first came to the United States, I was nineteen years old, and I lived with some
26 cousins in Santa Rosa;

- 1 5. In Santa Rosa, where I've lived all my adult life, I worked in the fields and in
2 construction and landscaping;
- 3 6. In the middle of 1998, I remember getting some immigration papers. I asked for a
4 hearing and was brought before an Immigration Judge. I went before the judge in the
5 middle of a large group of men, and the judge spoke to us all together and individually;
- 6 7. At no time did the Immigration Judge, or any other immigration official, tell me that I had
7 the right to depart the country voluntarily. At no time was I told that I had the right to
8 seek bail. If I had been ^{told emf} by the Immigration Judge that I could seek to depart on my own,
9 and that I would have had a much better chance of being able to return to the country ^{emf}
10 legally and returning sooner, I would have done so. A family friend, Sally Diaz, would
11 have helped me with money to depart on my own. Also, my wife and kids, as well as
12 Sally Diaz ^{emf}, would have come to the court and assisted me to obtain bail;
- 13 8. I was told that I could not stop the deportation, that I had no way of fixing the situation,
14 and that there was nothing I could do except be deported.

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16 Signed this the 16th day of November, 2007 in San Francisco, California

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18 ABEL LOPEZ-MANERA

19 Translated orally from English into Spanish on November 16, 2007 in the presence of Mr.
20 Lopez-Manera in San Francisco, California.

21 Dated: 11/16/07
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23 MELINDA BASKER, Court Staff Interpreter
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